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ARE YOU GOING
TO TELL HIM THAT
YOU'RE NOT SEEING
HIM AGAIN...OR
MUST I ... ?

B-BUT
DAD!



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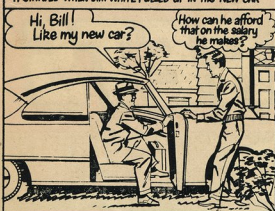


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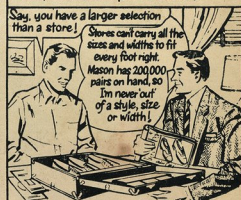
Jim told me Mason sends a Selling Outfit FREE and shows how to make MONEY so I mailed a coupon. My wife was thrilled:



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Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

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WHEN I FIRST MET PAUL, HE WAS A MESS... BUT SOMETHING ABOUT HIM ATTRACTED ME AND I WENT TO WORK, TRANSFORMING HIM INTO...

THE Ideal Man

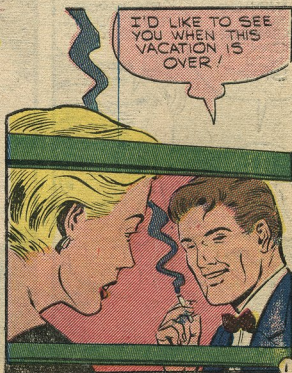
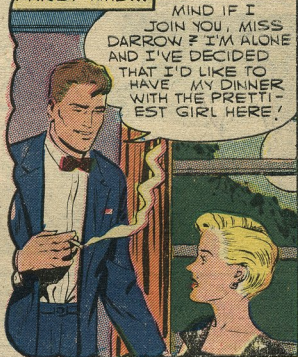
DARLING, I'VE SAVED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS! ENOUGH TO GET US STARTED IN OUR OWN HOME! WHAT'S WRONG?

N- NOTHING, PAUL! I GUESS I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE REALLY CHANGED SO!

AND WHAT A CHANGE! PAUL WAS JUST ANOTHER CHARMING IDLER AT A SUMMER HOTEL WHEN I RAN INTO HIM THE FIRST TIME...

MIND IF I JOIN YOU, MISS DARROW? I'M ALONE AND I'VE DECIDED THAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE MY DINNER WITH THE PRETTIEST GIRL HERE!

I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU WHEN THIS VACATION IS OVER!



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I SAW PAUL QUITE OFTEN AFTER MY VACATION... ONE THING WORRIED ME... HIS GAMBLING!

COME ON, EDDIE!
RIDE 'IM, BOY!

GAMBLING IS A
DISEASE TO
PAUL! I'VE GOT
TO MAKE HIM
STOP!



WE WON! LET'S
CELEBRATE! WE'RE
IN THE CHIPS,
SWEETHEART!

PUT THE CHIPS
IN THE BANK.
WE'LL HAVE A
SNACK IN
SOME DINER!



LATER THAT NIGHT...

PLEASE, PAUL--
I WANT TO TALK
TO YOU!



YOU'RE A
GROWN MAN,
PAUL-- BUT
YOU'RE LIKE
A KID IN
MANY WAYS!
WHY DO
YOU
GAMBLE?
CAN'T
YOU
STOP?

SURE, I
GUESS
SO. I
JUST DO
IT FOR
KICKS. IF
IT'S IMPOR-
TANT TO YOU,
HELEN...



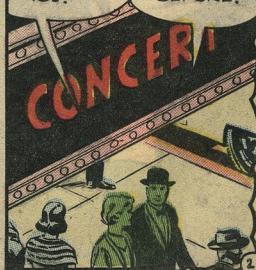
...I'LL QUIT! I'LL DO
ANYTHING FOR YOU,
DARLING!



AND HE DID! HE STOPPED
GAMBLING... HE EVEN BOUGHT
CONSERVATIVE NECKTIES
AND STOPPED LOOKING LIKE
A BOOKIE IN HIS SUNDAY
BEST...

WASN'T THAT
THRILLING,
PAUL? YOU
DID LIKE IT,
DIDN'T
YOU?

SURE,
HELEN, I
GUESS I
WAS JUST
AN
IGNORAMUS
BEFORE!



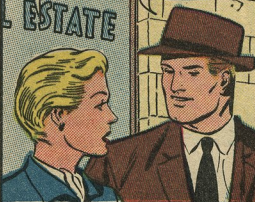
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THE CHANGE WAS STARTLING! I HAD A STRANGE FEELING THAT HE WAS A MAN I DIDN'T KNOW, EVEN WHEN WE SPOKE OF OUR MARRIAGE...

PAUL, THAT LAND YOU PUT A DEPOSIT ON IS TOO MUCH FOR OUR NEEDS!

RELAX, HELEN-- IT'S A GOOD INVESTMENT! THERE'LL BE A BUILDING BOOM AROUND US IN FIVE YEARS! WE'LL TRIPLE OUR INVESTMENT!

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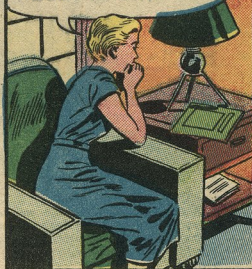
THE ANNUITY I'M PAYING ON PLUS THE... HELEN! WHAT'S WRONG?

NOTHING! I HAVE A SLIGHT HEAD-ACHE, PAUL THAT'S ALL!



BUT IT WAS MORE THAN A SLIGHT HEADACHE! I WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM THIS NEW PAUL... THIS CREATION I'D WORKED SO HARD ON...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? THE DATE FOR THE WEDDING IS SET... I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT NOW!



I CALLED PAUL AND TOLD HIM I WAS TAKING A VACATION. I PROMISED TO WRITE OFTEN! PAUL UNDERSTOOD -- THIS NEW PAUL WOULD, I THOUGHT BITTERLY...

I'LL BE ALL RIGHT WHEN I RETURN! ALL FUTURE BRIDES FEEL THIS WAY I HEAR!



THE RESORT HOTEL WASN'T NEARLY FULL! I WAS RESTLESS, EAGER TO TALK TO SOME-ONE... ANY-ONE...

I WISH THERE WERE MORE GUESTS HERE! IT'S SO...



... EMPTY!

IT SURE IS, LADY, THIS RUINS MY EVENING FOR SURE!



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I'M VERY SORRY!
I'LL BUY YOU
ANOTHER
COCKTAIL!

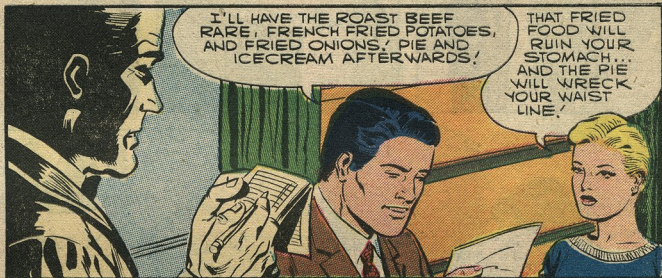
I WANTED THAT ONE!
MY WHOLE DINNER
IS SPOILED!



WELL, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO BE SO...
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
I DON'T
KNOW
YOU!

THE NAME IS GABE EVANS!
SINCE I'M SURE TO BE
BAD COMPANY AT
DINNER, AND IT'S YOUR
FAULT, YOU'RE GOING
TO SUFFER
FOR IT!

GABE
EVANS
WAS
ONE OF
THESE
DOMINEER-
ING,
SPOILED
BRUTES,
I COULD
SEE
THAT!
I LET
HIM KNOW
HE
COULDN'T
BROW-
BEAT
ME...



I'LL HAVE THE ROAST BEEF
RARE, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES,
AND FRIED ONIONS, PIE AND
ICECREAM AFTERWARDS!

THAT FRIED
FOOD WILL
RUIN YOUR
STOMACH...
AND THE PIE
WILL WRECK
YOUR WAIST
LINE!



LOOK, CUTIE, I'VE SUR-
VIVED FOR THIRTY YEARS
ON THE KIND OF
FOOD I LIKE!
I DON'T NEED
A FEMALE TO
TELL ME
WHAT TO
EAT!

I...
I'M
SORRY,
MR. EVANS!

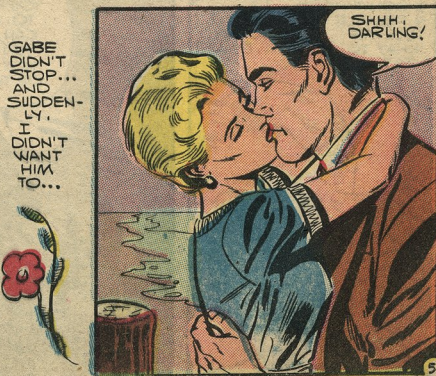
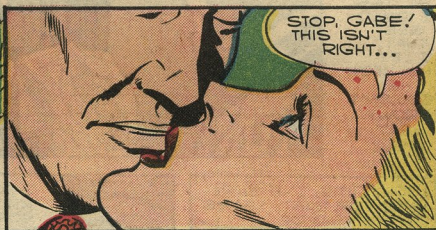
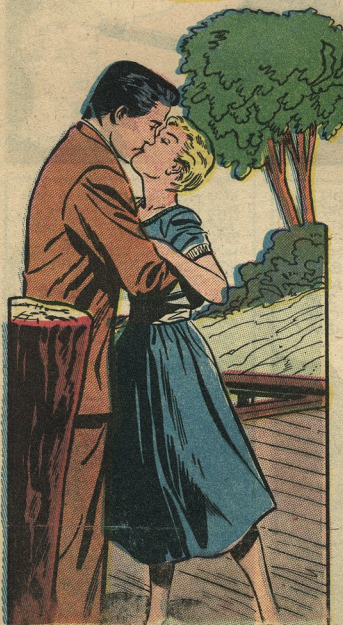


I DON'T
KNOW THE
SORT OF
PEOPLE
YOU'RE USED
TO, BUT I
CAN ASSURE
YOU I'M
NOT ONE
OF THEM!



YOU'RE ON THE BALL ALL
THE TIME, YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOOD FOR MY
STOMACH, YOU KNOW
HOW I SHOULD ACT,
YOU GIVE OUT PLENTY
OF GOOD ADVICE!
WELL, I'VE GOT SOME
ADVICE FOR YOU--TRY
MINDING YOUR OWN
BUSINESS!

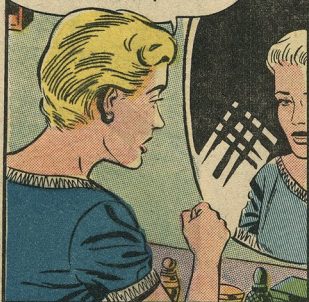
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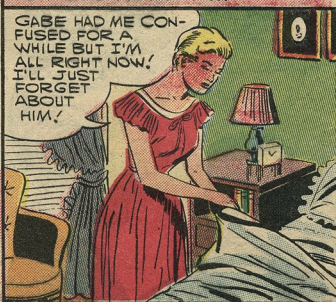
I
CAME
TO
MY
SENSES
AND
RAN
BLINDLY!
MIRACULOUS-
LY,
I
FOUND
MYSELF
IN
MY
ROOM...

A NICE NIGHT FOR A
SUMMER ROMANCE, HE
SAID, WHAT WOULD
PAUL SAY?



I SAT DOWN AND WROTE PAUL A
LONG LETTER, TELLING HIM HOW I
LOVED HIM, READING IT OVER, I
FELT SECURE AGAIN...

GABE HAD ME CON-
FUSED FOR A
WHILE BUT I'M
ALL RIGHT NOW!
I'LL JUST
FORGET
ABOUT
HIM!

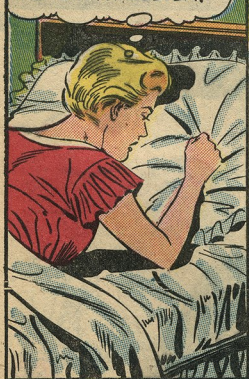


I DIDN'T MIND WHAT HE SAID -- IT WAS THE
WAY HE KISSED ME! HE'S NOT WORTH
THINKING ABOUT!



AN HOUR LATER...

I WISH I COULD KNOCK
THAT SMUG SMILE OFF
HIS SILLY FACE!
PRACTICALLY TELLING
ME I'M A MEDDLER!



I JUST WON'T SPEAK
TO HIM IN THE
MORNING! I'LL
JUST IGNORE
HIM!



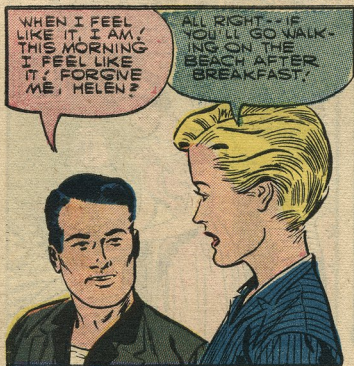
AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I
DID AT BREAKFAST, FOR
A MOMENT ANYWAY...

GOOD MORNING,
HELEN! DIDN'T
YOU SLEEP
WELL? YOU
LOOK
TERRIBLE!

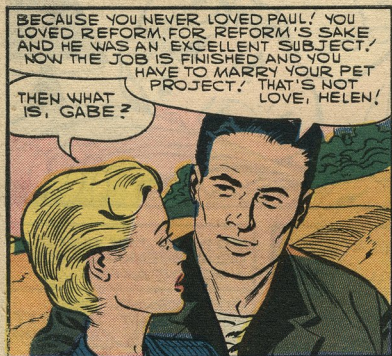
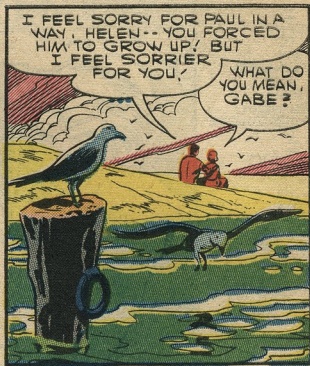
HOW
COULD I?
AFTER WHAT
YOU SAID?
YOU'RE
NOT
VERY
NICE!



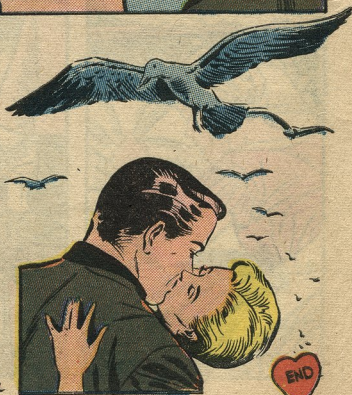
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GABE WAS OPINIONATED, STUBBORN AND... WONDERFUL! I FOUND MYSELF TELLING HIM ABOUT PAUL AND MY RECENT DOUBTS...



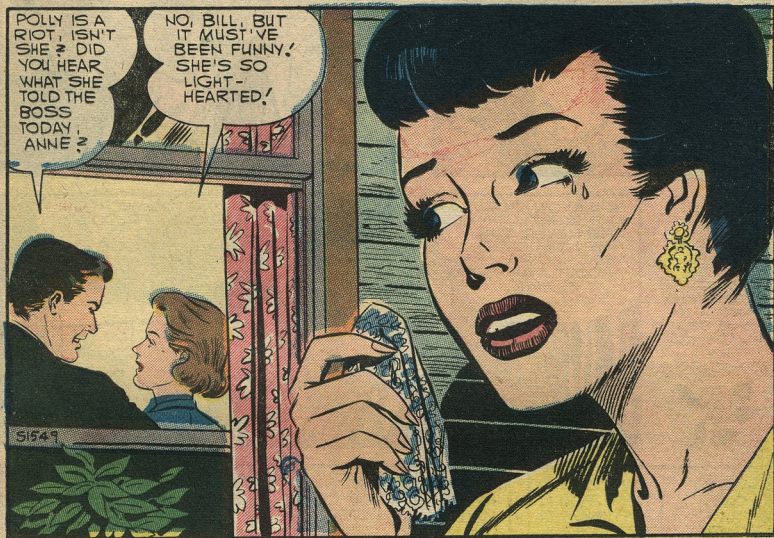
AND THEN I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT, I'D FOUND MY IDEAL MAN...NOT SOMETHING I CREATED BUT A MAN WITH FAULTS AS WELL AS VIRTUES, A MAN I COULD LOVE FOR WHAT HE IS, NOT FOR WHAT HE MIGHT BECOME!



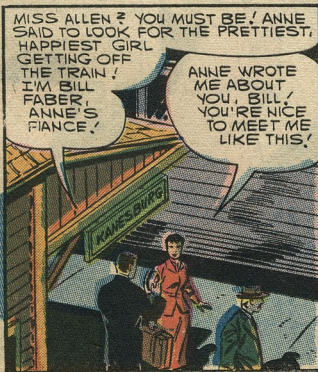
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Polly is loads of FUN

THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAID... POLLY IS TERRIFIC, THEY TOLD EACH OTHER, SHE'S A HOWL! POLLY WANTED IT THAT WAY... SHE DIDN'T WANT THEM TO KNOW OF THE SORROW IN HER HEART, THE TEARS THEY'D NEVER SEE!



POLLY ALLEN HAD BEEN GAY WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN KANESBURG. ANNE HAD ARRANGED A JOB FOR HER BEFORE-HAND...



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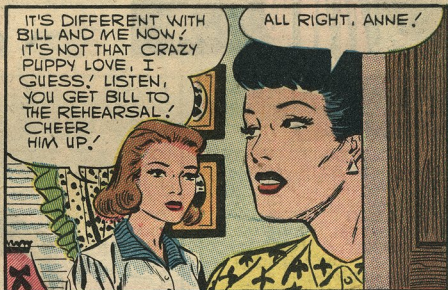
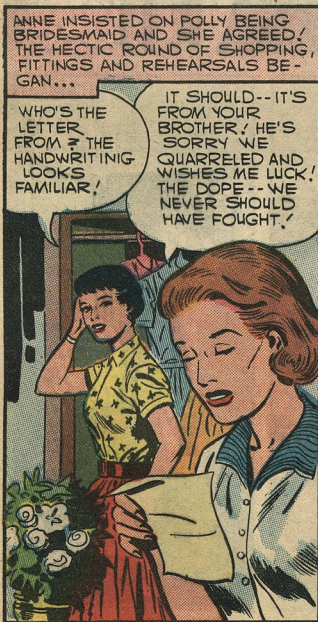
POLLY WAS THE VICTIM OF A SURPRISE PARTY WHEN SHE ARRIVED! ANNE AND BILL HAD INVITED THEIR FRIENDS FOR THE EVENT...



POLLY FITTED EASILY INTO THEIR CIRCLE... BUT SHE DIDN'T SEEM TO TAKE ANYONE OR ANYTHING VERY SERIOUSLY...



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PUPPY LOVE, ANNE CALLED IT! POLLY REMEMBERED WATCHING ANNE AND HER BROTHER TOGETHER! IF THAT'S WHAT IS WAS, SHE THOUGHT, SHE ENVIED PUPPIES...



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HEY, GIVE THE OTHERS A BREAK, WHY SPOIL THAT ONE?

HE REMINDS ME OF YOU, THAT'S WHY!



IS THAT GOOD, POLLY? DO YOU LIKE THE WAY I LOOK?

WHAT DOES THAT MATTER NOW? COME ON, WE'LL BE LATE FOR YOUR WEDDING REHEARSAL!

THE USHERS WERE THERE ALREADY! POLLY WAS LAUGHING ONCE MORE WHEN SHE AND BILL APPEARED...



COME ON, YOU'VE GOT TO COACH US AGAIN! WE WERE LOST WITHOUT YOU!

ANNE WILL BE HERE SOON! I'VE GOT TO DRILL MY ARMY!



ANNE ARRIVED AN HOUR LATER. SHE AND BILL WERE BOTH QUIET...

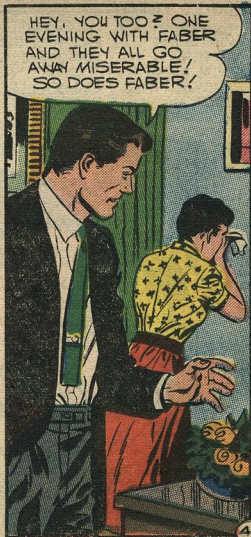
LISTEN, I DON'T CARE HOW BOTH OF YOU FEEL BUT LAUGH IT UP! I DON'T ALWAYS FEEL HILARIOUS WHEN I MAKE WITH THE SMILES!

ALL RIGHT, POLLY! SHE'S RIGHT, BILL, WE'VE GOT TO BE GAY IF IT KILLS US! THE REHEARSAL IS ALMOST OVER!

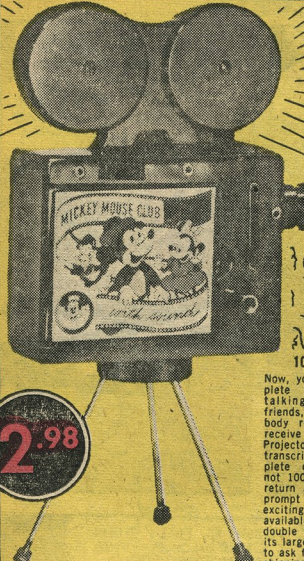


I DON'T GET IT! I THOUGHT I FELT LOW UNTIL ANNE TOPPED MY ACT! WHAT'S WRONG?

SHE'LL GET OVER IT, BILL! SO WILL YOU-- SO WILL I!



HEY, YOU TOO? ONE EVENING WITH FABER AND THEY ALL GO AWAY MISERABLE! SO DOES FABER!



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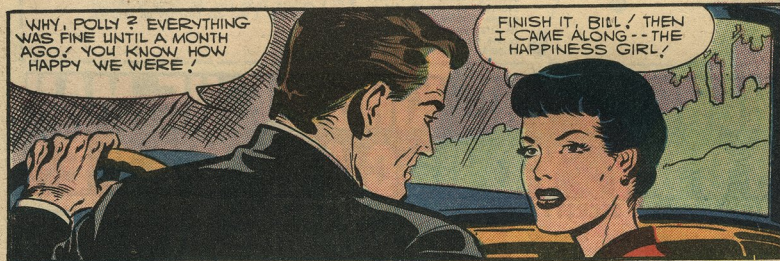
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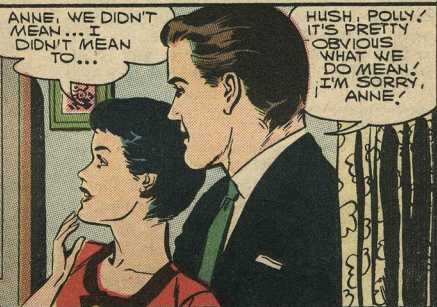
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THEN THE DOOR OPENED! IT WAS POLLY'S FUNNIEST SCENE BUT NO ONE LAUGHED... LEAST OF ALL POLLY...



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Romance, Age, and Reality

Alice is sweet sixteen and will graduate from high school this coming term. She met Tom when she was a freshman and they have been going "steady" ever since. At first he carried her books to school. Then they sat next to each other in the school cafeteria. She helps him with his Spanish homework. Seems he is a bit weak when it comes to verbs. He calls her on the phone every evening. They go out Wednesday night, Saturday and Sunday, and during all school holidays. Tom doesn't want to go to college. He would like to make a million dollars, more or less, and marry Alice. Of course, everybody in the school and in the neighborhood know that Alice is Tom's girl. Alice's mother tried to speak to her several times.

"When you are eighteen you will begin to see things in a different light. Somehow you will begin to feel that even though Tom will also be eighteen, his actions are childish. By the time you are twenty-one, you will wonder how you ever went out with him."

Alice shed the required number of tears. She has informed her mother she will always be "true" to her Tom, but she is a bit bothered. Exactly what has age got to do with Romance? Or is she going through a stage of extended puppy love?

Jane is twenty-two. She has a good job with an advertising agency. She went to college for two years and is what the boys would call "a good looker." Then she met Ted. He happens to be exactly twice her age. That would make him old enough to be her father, but if you want to start trouble, just mention that to Jane. She feels she is going to marry him next year. They like to do the same things together. They play tennis, swim, go ice skating, and both like to ride horses. They enjoy listening to operas and reading serious books. Ted has a job as an executive with a chemical concern and earns a good salary. In this case it happens to be Jane's father who has tried to give her some advice.

"Ted is exactly my age. Now just keep cool, my daughter and listen to me. In fifteen years he will be an entirely different man. Can you look

that far ahead? Are you in love with a picture of him as he is today? Are you flattered that a man who is mature has fallen for you? Why not marry a man in your age group?"

Jane didn't get excited. She has always felt that she and her dad have been good "pals." But she too is a bit bothered. Exactly what has AGE got to do with Romance? Must she look ahead to the future, when the future can often be uncertain?

The third girl is Matilda. She is one of the types that seem to have a hold on what can be described as "perpetual youth."

Her friends say that though she is thirty-three, she looks exactly the way she did when she was sixteen. Maybe this is flattery, maybe it is due to poor memory, and who knows? Maybe she does look about the same. Nothing I can say, since I didn't know Matilda when she was sixteen. But Matilda is in love with a young man. To be frank about it, he happens to be five years her junior. He knows all about the difference in age and wants to marry her. He is assistant manager of a chain grocery store. In this case, it happens to be the young man's mother who has an objection which she voiced to Matilda in no uncertain terms.

"Don't be a child stealer! It's a terrible thing you want to do! Go marry somebody older than yourself and not younger. The man should be at least five years older than his wife, not younger. If you marry my son you will be sorry some day. Wait till you are forty-five and begin to age. Then he will be forty and full of vigor. I haven't anything against you personally."

To all this, Matilda said nothing. She is determined to marry Burt and knows his mother can do nothing about the matter. But she too is a bit bothered. Exactly what has Age got to do with Romance? Why can't she marry a man younger than herself?

Well, just what has AGE got to do with Romance and Happiness? All of us have sometime heard about the saying, voiced in a variety of ways, that . . . Spring and Winter must never marry. . . June and December weren't made for

each other. . . Age is a barrier that can never be breached.

A number of years ago, a man famous in the public eye, married a woman half his age. I was asked by a national publication to study the problem of the difference in ages and give my views. Since that time I have given much attention to the problem. What I have learned may be helpful to you.

We are going to start with a fact concerning the ages of men and women. According to insurance statistics, women have a longer life span than men. If a woman does marry a man who is older than herself, that means there is a fair chance, considering that both are in good health, that she will outlive him. It may startle you, but we do have several million widows in this country. Some have remarried and others have preferred to keep widowhood. When Romance calls, a girl hates to think of unpleasant things. Yet in a very successful musical production, the hero is much older than the girl who has fallen in love with him. He points out to her in a truthful and realistic manner that, considering the difference in ages, he can only offer her a limited number of years which they can spend together in married bliss and raise a family. Of course, you have the Romantic touch in your heart, so you know they get married.

One of my best friends married a girl half his age. It was real Romance and Love from the start. They have a family and are very happy. But she knows that someday, she may lose him. There is another angle to this situation which should be considered by every girl. When one ages, one finds it difficult to engage in certain sports and activities. If these sports and activities were the bond that brought the two together and has been holding them, a serious situation may develop when the older man can't "keep up" with the demands of his younger wife: He just can't dance all night; he just can't swim out in the lake in the cold water; he prefers to take off his shoes, put on his slippers, and listen to the radio at home. Will she be happy? If there was true love, and it grew during the years, the adjustment may not be difficult.

At present we have a tendency among many teen agers to become engaged and plan on an early marriage. Sweet eighteen shows her engagement ring given to her by Bob. Bob is her age and he works for his dad. They will be married next year. Normally, as we get older we do mature. When you are fourteen you look back at some incident that happened when you were ten. You remark, "Was I really that stupid?" When you are 18 you think of something that took place when you were 14 and sigh, "How could I have cried ov-

er it?" And when you are twenty-two, you look back to those days when you were eighteen and realize what seemed so important then, may be of no importance now. You can keep this up during life. The purpose of maturity is to give you a sound and sane balance in the many judgements you make.

When a much older man marries a very young girl, you definitely do have a difference in maturity and judgements. She may think her action is adult; he may feel she is being a baby over nothing at all. The same can happen to two teen agers who have fallen in love and married. Turn the clock ten years ahead. What happens when one partner matures and the other still is "childish" in many respects?

With age must be considered the factor of emotional stability. Some people have it at an early age and keep it through life. Others seem to have it and then crack up, and there are those who do develop it later in life as the result of experiences and sometimes, as the result of much suffering.

There is a popular song in which one line reflects the complaint of the girl, ". . . they said we were too young to be in love . . ." It does take maturity to understand that with love there are obligations, rights, duties, and moral situations.

Much of the trouble today in this world with married people is that they refused to look ahead when they thought "they were in love." One doesn't live just for a day but for a lifetime. When the problem of AGE does come up, consider it calmly. Look ahead and ask yourself what situations normally arise under those conditions.

Parents love their children and want the best for them. Listen to them when they discuss with you the situations that may happen as a result of a difference in AGE. Just don't dismiss what they have to say with a wave of your hand and the old comment that "parents never understand." It just isn't so. Deep down, every mother and father wants their child to be happy and to avoid those mistakes that may have a tragic turn later in life. If you close your ears and your eyes, you may spend years of bitterness and regret.

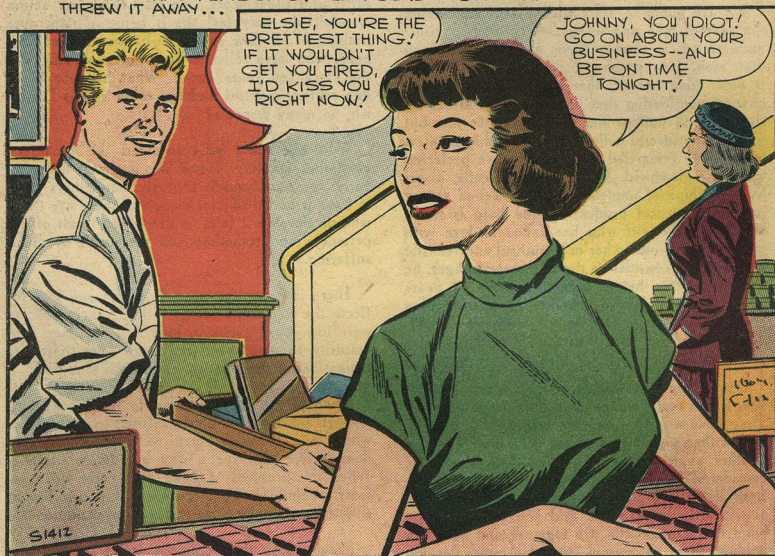
When you are in Love, you feel as though you are riding on a cloud. Everything seems so different. And strange as it may seem, that's the most important time in your life when you must keep your feet on the ground and do clear and sound thinking, not only about today, but also about the many tomorrows that will come.

THE END

ROMANTIC SECRETS

My Love, My Own

LOVE IS NOT ALWAYS WHAT WE THINK IT SHOULD BE, EXCEPT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT AND PERSONAL! I FOUND OUT WHAT I HAD AFTER I THREW IT AWAY...



JOHNNY WAS SO MUCH FUN, YET...

I WISH JOHNNY HAD MORE DRIVE--MORE AGGRESSIVENESS! THERE'S SO MUCH IN THE WORLD THAT HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT! I WONDER IF IT'S NOT A MISTAKE TO SEE SO MUCH OF HIM!



AS USUAL, JOHNNY WAS ON TIME THAT NIGHT...

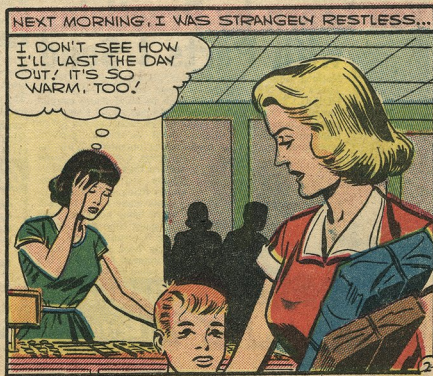


PRINCESS, WANT TO GO TO THE MOVIE WITH ME? IT'S A REAL DREAMY PICTURE FOR A REAL DREAMY GIRL!

OH, JOHNNY! THE MOVIES AGAIN? WHY CAN'T WE GO DANCING SOMEWHERE? I'D LIKE A LITTLE GLAMOUR ONCE IN A WHILE!



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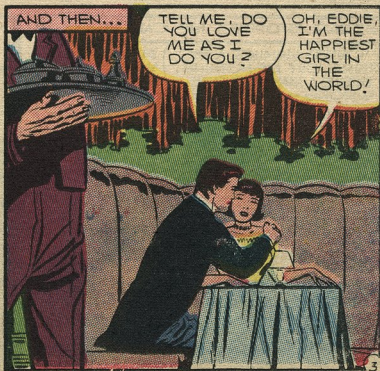
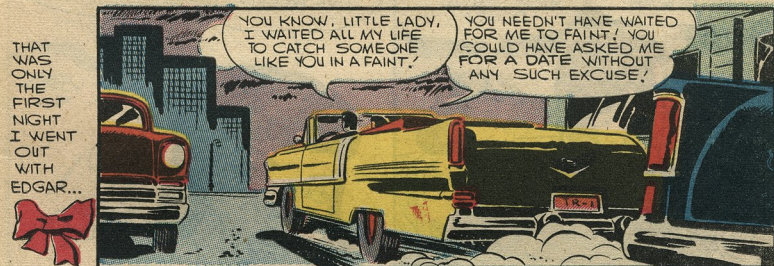
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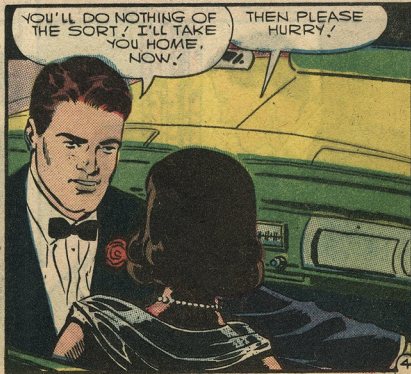
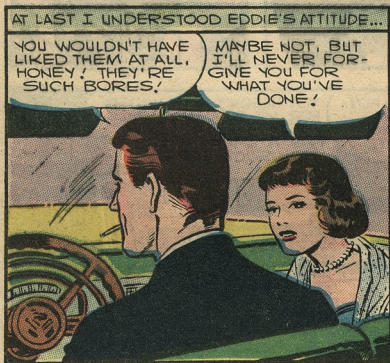
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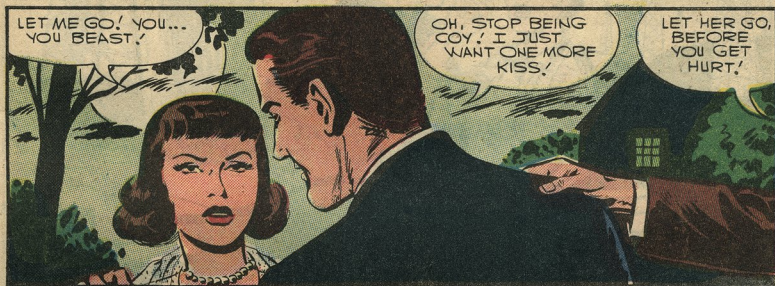
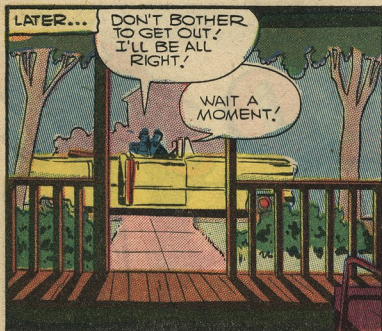
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I HAD TWO STRIKES AGAINST ME WHEN I HIT THE OILFIELDS... NUMBER ONE, I WAS A FEMALE GEOLOGIST--AND NUMBER TWO, I WAS GUSHER CRAIG'S DAUGHTER. IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SUCCEED ON MY OWN MERITS WITH THE DECK STACKED THAT WAY. BARNEY RAINES' ATTITUDE WAS TYPICAL.

OILFIELD Lal



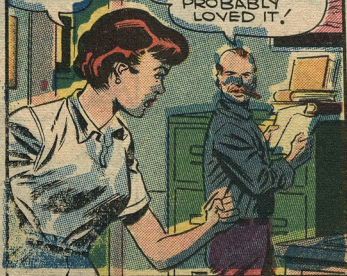
THAT WAS THE ATTITUDE! "FAINTIN' FEMALE!" HE CALLED ME! AFTER I'D CONDUCTED THE TEST BORES AND MARKED THE LOCATION NUMBERS TO...

CAN'T YOU FIRE THAT LOUT, DAD? HE... HE MANHANDLED ME!

I CAN ALWAYS GET ANOTHER DAUGHTER BUT WHERE WILL I FIND A FIELD BOSS LIKE BARNEY? BESIDES, YOU PROBABLY LOVED IT!

I'D LOVE ANYTHING THAT ROUGHNECK DID, DAD. I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON HIM FOR YEARS!

YOU'LL OUTGROW IT, SALLY. BARNEY LIKES CLASSY BLONDES. HE'LL HEAD FOR LAS VEGAS AS SOON AS HE CAPS THIS WELL.



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THE GUSHER WAS CAPPED BY NOON! I MOVED INTO DAD'S SUITE IN THE ONLY HOTEL IN TOWN AND SCRUBBED THE CRUDE OIL OUT OF MY HAIR...



AIN'T YOU GOT NO FRILLY DRESSES, CHICK? YUH'RE CLEAN AN' ALL BUT YUH STILL LOOK OIL-FIELDISH TUH ME!

OUTA MY WAY, DUDE! I'M HEADIN' FOR THE BRIGHT LIGHTS AND THE PRETTY WOMEN!



GO AHEAD, CHUMP! BEFORE YOU GET BACK YOUR WATCH WILL BE IN HOCK AND ONE OF YOUR DUMB BLONDES WILL HAVE YOUR RING!



JUST SO SHE'S BLONDE AND DOESN'T SMELL LIKE OIL SUMP, HONEY! AND THOSE BLONDES COULD SMARTEN YOU UP A LOT!

THEN THE CAB CAME AND HE WAS GONE TO THE NEAREST AIRFIELD AND A HIRED PLANE TO FLY HIM TO SOMEWHERE GLAMOROUS! I WAS MAD ENOUGH TO BITE...



DON'T BLOW A FUSE, KID; DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

WHAT? FOLLOW HIM? PER-OXIDE MY HAIR?



YOUR SHARE OF THAT WELL OUGHT TO BUY A FEW OUTFITS! GO GET 'EM! GET SOME IMPORTED PERFUME! FIGHT!

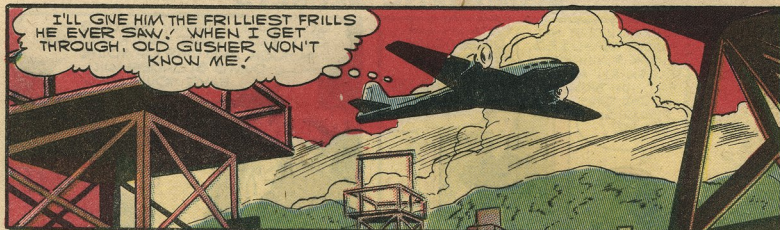


I CALLED THE AIRPORT, THEN GOT A CAB! I DIDN'T LEAVE WITH THE SAME FLAIR THAT BARNEY HAD, THOUGH...

YOU COULD PUT MY BAG IN THE CAB FOR ME, YOU OAF!

YOU LOOK STRONGER THAN ME, LADY; YOU AIN'T THE TYPE MEN GOTTA BABY ALONG!

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I'LL GIVE HIM THE FRILLIEST FRILLS HE EVER SAW. WHEN I GET THROUGH, OLD GUSHER WON'T KNOW ME.

I HAD PLENTY OF MONEY. THE DUNGAREES AND KHAKIS I'D WORN NEVER DID COST MUCH...

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'LL EVER WEAR IT BUT I'LL TAKE THAT TOO.

WEAR IT TO MY SHINDIG TONIGHT, DEARIE. DAD AND I ARE THROWING A LITTLE DANCE TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE JUNIOR'S FIRST GUSHER.



I'LL BE THERE! I HOPE I DON'T FORGET MYSELF AND ACT AS THOUGH I'M IN AN OILFIELD!

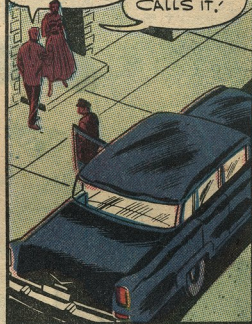
NO-BODY WOULD NOTICE IF YOU DID, HONEY! I'LL SEND A CAR FOR YOU.



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THANK YOU! NOW LET'S GET TO THE SHINDIG AS YOUR MOTHER CALLS IT.



MAY I HAVE THE HONOR, MISS CRAIG?



AIN'T HE CUTE, SALLY? YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THAT BOY NEVER SAW SHOES TILL PAW BROUGHT IN HIS FIRST WELL, WOULD YOU?

RAY-BURNE MOORE WAS A PLEASURE AFTER BARNEY RAINES! HIS DANCING WAS PERFECT, NATURALLY...

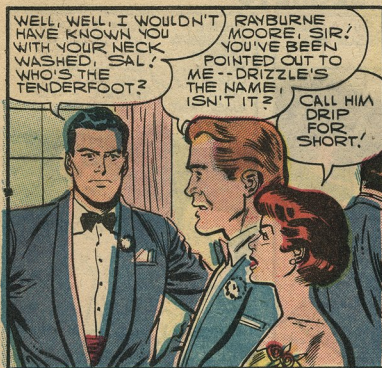


YOU REMIND ME OF A MAN I KNOW-- YOU'RE SO DIFFERENT, MR. MOORE!

PERHAPS I'M NOT SO DIFFERENT! MAW GETS A KICK OUT OF IT WHEN I ACT LIKE A DUDE!



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BARNEY HAD ME WORRIED!
HIS NECK WAS LIMP AND I
LEANED CLOSER TO SEE
IF HE WAS ALL RIGHT...

ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT, BARNEY...
LET ME GO,
YOU DOUBLE-
CROSSING
SNAKE!

NOT TILL I
MAKE YOU
PAY FOR
ROOTIN'
FOR THAT
DUDE,
BABY!

I STRUGGLED...BUT A GIRL
CAN ONLY STRUGGLE SO
MUCH! THEN...

THERE!
I GUESS
THAT'LL
TEACH...
OWWWW!
WHAT
WAS THAT
FOR?

FOR TAKING AD-
VANTAGE OF
A LADY! I'M
GOING BACK TO
THE OILFIELDS
WHERE A LADY
IS SAFE!

NEXT DAY...

SO BARNEY TOOK THE
COUNT, EH KID? I
WISH HE WAS HERE! THAT NUMBER
TWO WELL WE THOUGHT WAS DRY
WILL COME IN SOON! I NEED
HELP!

I'LL GO UP AND
CHANGE, DAD!

TWO DRILL IS IN OIL SAND,
GUSHER! BETTER GET
OUT THERE AND BE
READY TO CAP!

I'M
COMING,
DAD! I'LL
GO AS I
AM!

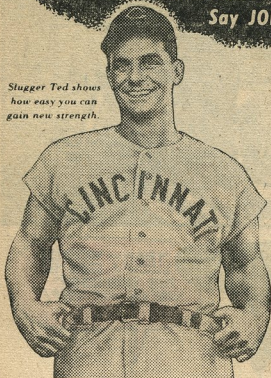
BARNEY! I'M
SURE GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!
HOW'D
YOU KNOW?

I HEARD IT AT THE AIR-
PORT! LISTEN, GUSHER,
SALLY AND I WILL TAKE
THE FIRST HALF OF
THE NIGHT WATCH!
YOU COME IN
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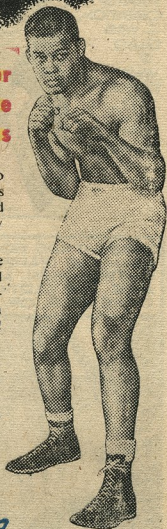
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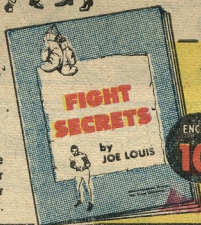
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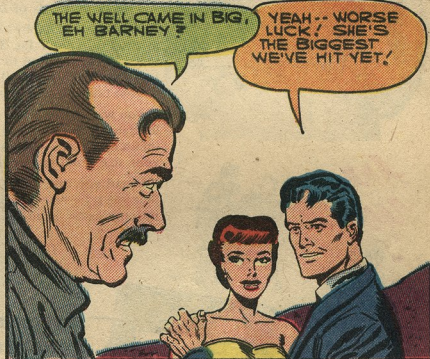
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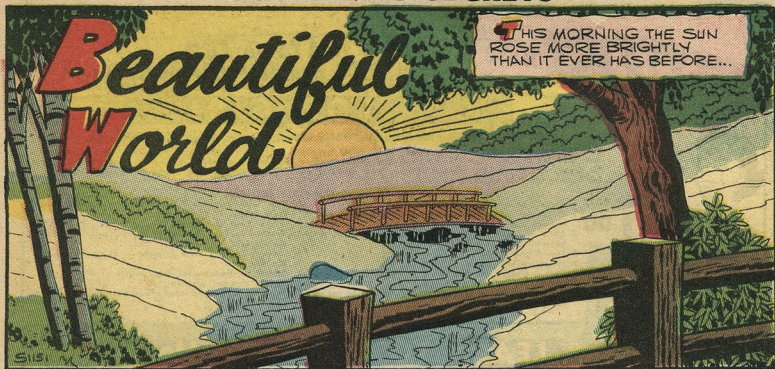
SO THERE I WAS... BABY SITTING A NEW OIL WELL IN MY BEST PARIS CREATION! I WAS GLAD I WAS DRESS-ED THAT WAY, THOUGH...



I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN! HE LEANED CLOSER AND I WAITED! THEN, AS HIS LIPS MET MINE, THE EARTH TREMBLED! WAS IT THE KISS OR...



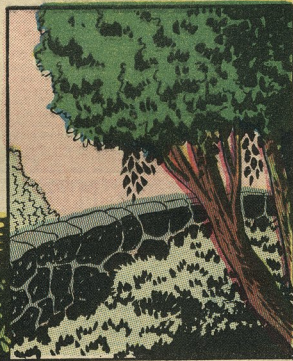
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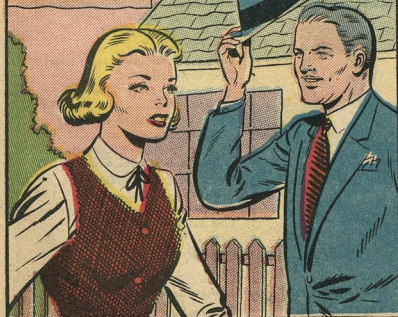
THE GREEN OF THE GRASS WAS GREENER AND ITS FRESHNESS FRESHER...



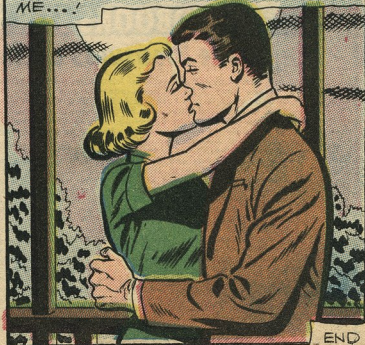
AND THE BLOSSOMS ON THE TREES WERE FULLER AND A THOUSAND TIMES SWEETER...



AS I PASSED PEOPLE, THE WORLD WAS SUCH A HAPPY PLACE TO LIVE IN! AND ALL THIS...



... BECAUSE LAST NIGHT YOU KISSED ME...!



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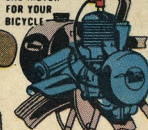
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